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tures of Scandinavian life, manners, and character, his narratives of the chase for the walrus among icebergs, his accounts of the habitudes of that anomalous denizen of the Northern Ocean, his modest, *naïve*, and brilliant story of his personal experiences,—all have a rare and novel zest and charm.

28.—*Life and Adventure in the South Pacific.* By a Roving Printer. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1861. 12mo. pp. 361.

WE have here an unpretending and unambitious narrative of a whaling voyage, by one who had rare opportunities of observation, among the islands of the Southern Pacific, as well as at some of the ports of Eastern Asia. The author has no great skill as a writer; but he attempts merely a journal of what he saw, and he has a sufficient command of language to make his story graphic and interesting. To those not familiar with the processes employed in capturing and utilizing the whale, the minute, pictorially illustrated account of the whaleman's craft and mystery will sufficiently commend the volume; while no reader can fail to be richly entertained by the previously unwritten chapters of insular savage life which are interspersed with the adventures of the sea.